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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Possible Soviet Action With Respect to the UN

The following suggestion is based upon a personal "hunch", since I am unaware of any intelligence reports to this effect.

It is believed that serious consideration should be given to the possibility that the Soviet Union may be contemplating a major move vis-a-vis the United Nations organization. Such a move could involve a withdrawal from the organization, with or without the creation of some type of a "rump UN," the members of which could be the members of the Soviet Bloc and any neutrals that they could persuade to come along.

Among the more general indications which have been considered in the context of this suggestion are:

- a. The forthcoming Party Congress in Moscow;
- b. Sino-Soviet discussions, with outer-Mongolian participation;
- c. The series of Soviet-inspired economic and peace conferences; and
- d. The exceptional strength of the likely Soviet delegation to the UN General Assembly meeting, beginning October 14, 1952. It will probably include Vyshinski, Malik, Gromyko, Zarin, Zarubin and Sobolev.

It may be thought desirable to have representatives of the State Department in collaboration with the PSB Staff consider the possibility of such moves and their possible implications.

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